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June 30, 2014

The Honorable Pete Gallego  
U.S. House of Representatives  
431 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gallego:

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The Honorable John Garamendi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2438 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1415 Longworth House Office Building  
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1232 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1108 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1511 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1023 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Rubén Hinojosa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
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